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Proposed amendments to the Drawings:

Figure 4 is amended to include a generalized box 100 on the board 18 for identifying a data processor. The specification has been amended below to include the numeral identifier 100.

The connections between the mouse and the personal computer are discussed throughout the specification, and particularly on pages 9, 11, 13, and 19. On page 9, lines 4-8 it is noted that:

“the rotation amount of wheel 16 are processed through a proper processing circuit (not shown) constituted on the board 18 and are then converted into a signal corresponding to a USB interface through a USB control circuit (not shown), and furthermore, the signal is sent from a USB hub (not shown) to a personal computer through a cable 19 or wirelessly by utilizing infrared transmission or the like.”

Page 9, lines 19-24, indicate that connector is provided on the innermost portion of the housing portion 22, and a data processor is connected to the connector 23, and further that the data processor corresponds to the USB interface and is connected to the USB hub. Page 11, lines 18-22 explains that the storage medium 21 is connected to the USB connector of the personal computer via the connector 23, the USB hub and the cable 19, and that based on an instruction sent from the personal computer, the data processor writes and/or reads data to/from the storage medium 21. However, it is noted on page 19 of the application that the board 18 could be omitted.

Thus, it is clear that the specification and claims, as originally filed, clearly provided support for a data processor 100 to be associated with the mouse for processing information and instructions between the storage medium 21 and the personal computer which the mouse is connected to (see page 11, lines 18-22). However, the location of the data processor 100 is not particularly important in the context of the invention. As the Examiner has recognized, the primary focus is the casing body and door member which allow for accommodating the data storage

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medium 21 therein. Therefore, the data processor 100 is shown as a generalized box 100 on the board 18; however, it is clear from the specification that it could be located elsewhere and that the board 18 could be eliminated.

FIG. 3

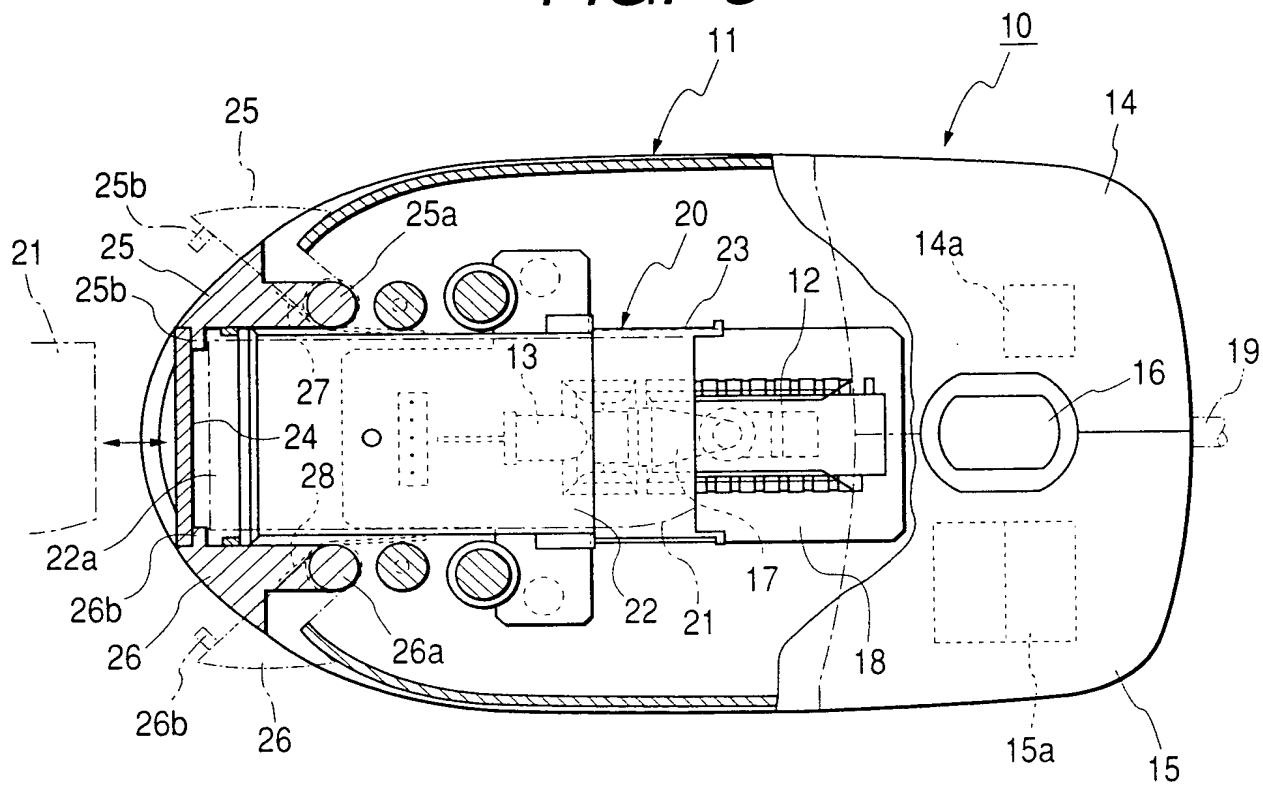
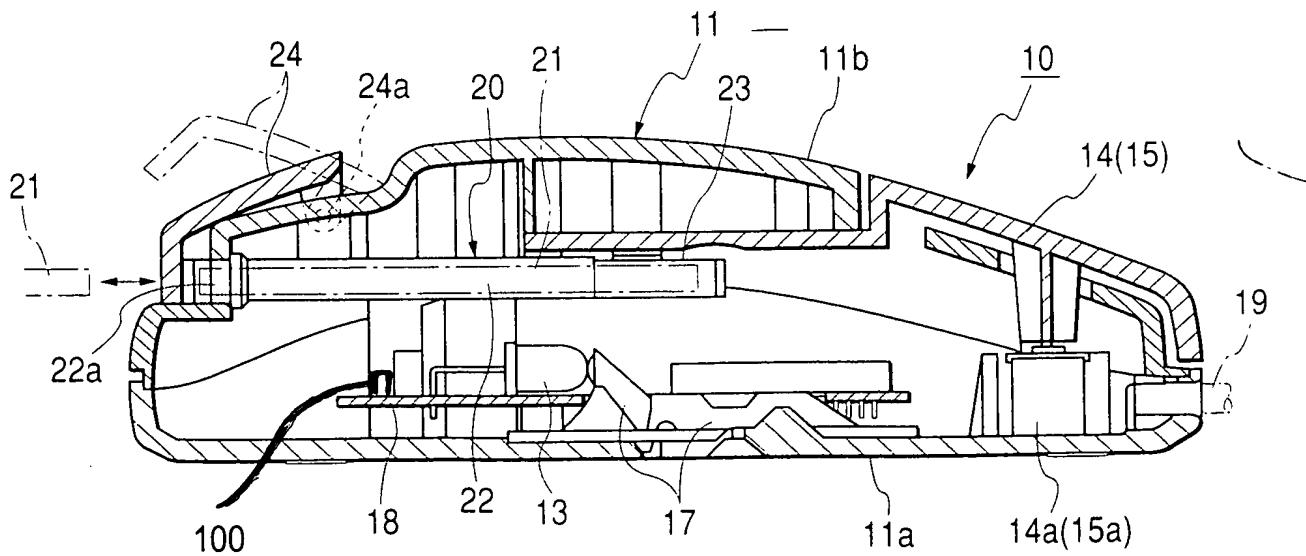


FIG. 4



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